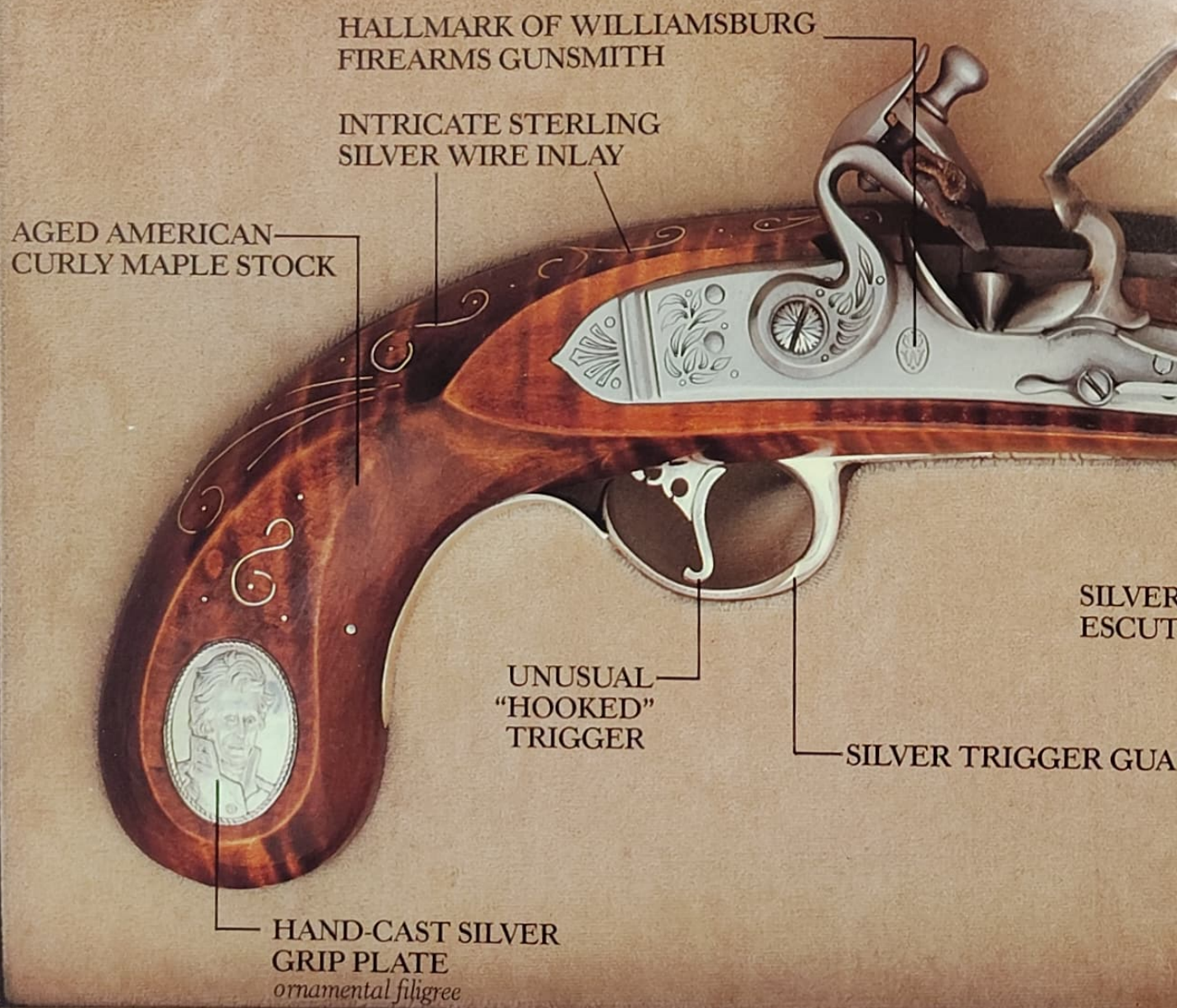


The Official
**ANDREW
JACKSON**
COMMEMORATIVE PISTOL[®]

*Authorized by the United States Historical Society.[®]
Created and assembled under the direction of the
Williamsburg Firearms Manufactory.[®]*





HALLMARK OF WILLIAMSBURG
FIREARMS GUNSMITH

INTRICATE STERLING
SILVER WIRE INLAY

AGED AMERICAN
CURLY MAPLE STOCK

UNUSUAL
"HOOKED"
TRIGGER

HAND-CAST SILVER
GRIP PLATE
ornamental filigree

SILVER
ESCUT

SILVER TRIGGER GUA

SECURE
LEVER

ANDREW JACKSON'S SIGNATURE

engraved on silver

SIGHTS
silver

HICKORY LEAF MOTIFS

BARREL
SILVER PLATES

EBONY RAMROD
with silver tip



Andrew Jackson

(1767-1845)



If you were his political ally, he was "a breath of fresh air in the stuffy White House." 🐾 If you were his political foe, he was "a barbarian who hardly could spell his own name." 🐾 Whatever your allegiance, had you been in the United States during the 1828 election, you would have had to agree: Andy Jackson, "Old Hickory," was a man of the people. 🐾 It was the incumbent, John Quincy Adams, who in exasperation at Jackson's popularity called him a barbarian. Adams, our sixth President, was the son of the second President. They and the others—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe—were men of culture. These were Virginia and Massachusetts aristocrats. 🐾 In came Andy Jackson, storming the White House as he had overpowered the British troops at New Orleans to end the War of 1812. Hot-tempered, fearless, his Kentucky pistol at his side, born in a backwoods settlement on the border between the two Carolinas, Jackson had been a fighter since his early teens. 🐾 In days when pistols had but one ball to fire, Jackson survived many a battle. Countless times he literally staked his life on his dependable flintlock, first during the Revolutionary War, then with the Tennessee militia, and then with the U.S. Army. 🐾 Ironically, for the "straight and true" pistol that served Jackson so well, its days were numbered. In 1836, during Jackson's second term, Samuel Colt patented his revolver that would send the Kentucky pistol to its well-earned place in history.

Specifications

Overall length:	14½ inches
Barrel length:	8½ inches
Caliber:	.45
Weight:	2¼ pounds
Engraving:	steel, sterling silver
Stock:	aged tiger-striped American maple
Ramrod:	ebony
Ramrod tip and ferrules:	silver
Nose cap:	silver
Escutcheon (4) plates:	silver
Trigger guard:	silver
Ornamentation:	inlaid silver wire
Grip plates:	minted silver
Barrel wedges:	steel
Front and rear sights:	silver

Each Andrew Jackson Commemorative Pistol has been inspected by the Chief Gunsmith at the Williamsburg Firearms Manufactory. As a genuine historical artifact, each pistol will be test fired and is fully certified and is exempt from Federal firearm registration statutes.

Note: The Solid Gold Edition of One Hundred will carry all inlays in 14-karat Gold.

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Among the migrants who left Germany and Switzerland and came to the New World early in the 18th century was a group of unusual artisans—master gunsmiths. ❀ Spurning the cities along the Atlantic coast, they settled around the “wilderness town” of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and there, at the edge of civilization, they re-established their craft. ❀ The firearms they designed were uniquely fitted to a country which had not yet been tamed. They were balanced for “heft.” They fired straight and true, because a rampaging bear or a deadly enemy gave a frontiersman only a single shot before ending the conflict. ❀ These pistols were, in short, magnificent weapons, gracefully designed and crafted like a Swiss watch. ❀ By the middle of the 18th century, the industry had spread to a legendary outpost—Kentucky. The Pennsylvania Pistol became the Pennsylvania-Kentucky Pistol, and then, ultimately, the Kentucky Pistol. ❀ At the time of the Revolutionary War, the Kentucky Pistol had become the standard for men of action who wanted a pistol that fired every time, would never overheat or warp, and could bring them through days, weeks, and months of hunting—or battle. ❀ Not until the Colt Revolver made all other pistols obsolete did the Kentucky fade from view. Yet, even today, this remarkable weapon is the pride of many museums and private collections. For craftsmanship, dependability, and sheer beauty, the world had never seen its like.

The Decoration

The United States Historical Society commissioned the noted artist Jack Woodson to create the unique art and ornamentation for the official Andrew Jackson Commemorative Pistol.

Hand engraved hickory leaves, a tribute to “Old Hickory,” decorate the lock plate.

Inset into the stock are two original high-relief medallions, each an original created expressly for this limited edition. The medallions are minted in high relief of sterling silver. One is a bust of the seventh President, a composite of historical paintings and original art.



The medallion on the other side of the handle shows “Old Hickory” on his horse, charging into battle from the famous statue in Jackson Square, New Orleans. On the sideplate is one of the most spectacular and intricate works of art ever applied to a working firearm.

Mr. Woodson depicts the Battle of New Orleans: two French Grenadiers stand by as a frontiersman and two American soldiers man an artillery piece of the period.



Many of the lavish touches on this weapon are sterling silver. For example: the barrel escutcheon plates; the tip of the ebony ramrod; the panel with Jackson's signature; and the trigger guard. In all, fifteen parts are sterling silver, in addition to the intricate sterling silver wire inlay of the stock.

The Pistol Balls

A cache of pistol balls is included in a special compartment within the display case. If a special occasion calls for the actual loading and discharging of the Andrew Jackson Commemorative Pistol, only black powder should ever be used.



The Display Case

Custom designed and hand built, the display case is solid American cherry wood, with the exterior appearance of a jewelry chest.

Inside the lid is a high-relief medallion of Andrew Jackson, minted exclusively for the edition by Medallie Art. A special Williamsburg Firearms Manufactory key locks the case for security.

Upholstery and lining are velvet, French-fitted to cradle the pistol. There is a secret compartment in the bottom of the case for the Certificate of Authenticity and other documents.

The Stock

A single perfect length of aged tiger-striped curly American maple has been carved and hand-sanded for the stock. The gunsmith inlays genuine silver wire ornamentation into the wood by hand. To achieve the warm patina and the contrasting light and dark stripes, he uses a mixture of linseed oil and lacquer. This is a meticulous 15-step process that has been passed down for generations.

Reservation

The official Andrew Jackson Commemorative Pistol is available only by direct reservation through the United States Historical Society, Richmond, Virginia. The Sterling Silver Edition is limited to 1,500. The Solid Gold Edition is limited to 100.

Issue price \$2100, sterling silver; \$5500, 14-karat gold.

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